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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**NOTICE.**

MR. NOOMANHOY M. ABDOLLAH will have this Colony shortly and the business of my firm will be transferred to Mr. A. J. ATTALL, who is authorized to sign for me from this date.

A. B. SMALLEE,  
No. 28, Gage Street,  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2111]

**BOARD AND RESIDENCE** required in HONGKONG by a YOUNG PHILIPPINE SPANISH who desires to learn English. A Portuguese family preferred. Credentials given and required. For further particulars communicate with ESPERANZA.

Care of Office Press Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2109]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE DIVIDEND** of 8 per Cent. per Share and BONUS of 15 per Cent. per Share for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1899, declared at the Monthly Ordinary Half Year Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, at 2.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 22nd August, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2110]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**THE** Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 22nd August, 1899, at Noon, at their Store, Rooms, No. 84, Queen's Road Central, the following:

3 Cases CHAMPAGNE.  
30 Cases HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
18 Cases AMERICAN TOBACCO (each case containing 12 jars).  
25 Cases PRIMAVERA.  
5 Cases SENALIA and ESMERALDA SOAPS.  
CARPETS, RICKSHAWS, &c., &c.

One 12-BORE DOUBLE BARREL FOWLING PIECE, by Williams & Powell, Liverpool.

Terms—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2111]

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

No. 463.

**THE** following Particulars of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Office of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 28th day of August, 1899, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1899. [2112]

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 28th day of August, 1899, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Crown Land at Kowloon Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor-General, for one hundred and twenty acres, more or less.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of the Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Square Feet	Area in Square Meters	Area in Hectares	Area in Gacres	Area in Bighas	Area in Kathis	Area in Annas	Area in Paces	Area in Fathoms	Area in Furlongs	Area in Miles
1	Kowloon Point	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	10,000	10,000	1	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471	2,471

**WEST RIVER SERVICE.**

**THE** New River Steamers "SAMSHUI" and "WUHOW" will be despatched alternately from Mosses Douglas LAKE and Co.'s Wharf at 5 p.m. on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS for WUHOW, calling at KONGMOON, KAMCHUK, SAMSHUI, SHUMING, and TAKING.

Both Vessels have superior accommodation for Saloon Passengers.

Fares, including sleeping berth, Hongkong to Samshui, \$1.00. Hongkong to Wuhow, \$1.50. Meals can be had on board.

For further information apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2113]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR CHEFOO AND VLADIVOSTOK.**

**THE** Company's Steamship "KANSHU" Captain Somerville will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st August, 1899. [2108]

**W. B. BREWER & CO.**

**NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS.**

Tales of the Malay Coast, by Consul-General Johnston. 3.50  
The Heart of Asia, by Sir John Selkirk. 3.00  
Cassell's Pictorial Atlas. 4 vols. 20.00  
Health Exercises and Home Gymnastics. 65  
Strength and how to gain it, by Sandow. 1.50  
Tennyson's Poems. Cheap Edition. 1.00  
The Book of Cricket, New Edition. 2.50  
14 Parts. 40 cents each  
Windsor Magazine, vol. 1. 3.50  
Monte Christo. Complete Edition. 65  
Philip's New Popular Atlas. 2.25  
P. O. Sketches, by Henry Forman. 5.50  
War to the Knife, by Bulwer-Lytton. 1.50  
Chronicle of Today's Villages, by Hick. 1.00  
Morgan's Histories, by Constable. 1.50  
Philip's New Atlas, by Murray. 1.50  
The Legend that is the World. 1.00  
One of the Best, by Hicks. 1.00  
Queen's Road, Hongkong. [2100]

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA."**

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI, AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 21st August, 1899. [2100]

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**PAQUEBOTS-POSTES FRANCAIS.**

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

**THE** Company's Steamship "INDUS" Captain Duchateau, will be despatched for the above ports on or about SUNDAY, the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [2102]

**AUCTIONS**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**MANILA CIGARS.**

**THE** Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 22nd August, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at Sales Room, 100, Queen's Road Central, the following:

10,000 CASTLEBROS.  
10,000 CONCHAS.  
10,000 REINA VICTORIAS.  
10,000 REINAS FINAS.  
20,000 ANITAS.  
10,000 BOUQUETS.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1899. [2094]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**TO-DAY (TUESDAY),** the 22nd August, 1899, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Room, No. 84, Queen's Road Central, SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOS, &c.

EMBOSSD VELVET COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MARBLE TOP TABLE, CHIMNEY MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, AND ORNAMENTS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLES, DINING WAGGON, MARBLE TOP SIDEBOARD, WRITING TABLE AND VIENNA CHAIRS.

CROCKERY, GLASS AND PLATED WARE.

BRASS BEDSTEAD, Double and Single IRON BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASSES, MARBLED TOP DRESSING TABLE and WASHSTANDS.

Two PIANOS, One CLEMENT BICYCLE and One PORTABLE STOVE.

One CHUBB'S IRON SAFE and STAND, &c., &c., &c.

Terms of Sale—As Customary.

V. I. KEMDIOS,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1899. [2095]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**ON THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER NEXT,** will be sold at the PUBLIC AUCTION ROOMS, BATAVIA, to the highest bidder.

**THE** Dutch Iron Two Masted Mail Screw Steamer "PRINS ALEXANDER" built in 1872 by Blockwood and Gordon, Glasgow. Length 100 feet, breadth 26 feet, draught 16 feet 6 inches, measuring gross 10,000 and net 7,272 tons with 10 first class and 8 second class passenger accommodation. The engines are compound surface condensing of 750 H.P., two steamboilers of 75 lb. per square inch working pressure and 2804 square feet of heating surface new in 1893. Donkey boiler new in 1894. The ship is to be sold as she is now in the harbour of Tsingtau Priek with all her inventory on board, six boats, spare engines gear, included a new spare steel crank shaft, and is open for inspection daily. In the meantime offers will be entertained.

The Agents of the KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MY. LAUTS WEGENER & CO.  
Hongkong, 20th July 1899. [2098]

**NOTICE.**

**ACONICAL BUOY** is 6" by 7" 8" Chased Black and White has DISAPPEARED from the MAZARIN-ROCK. Ascertains are probably carried away by a passing steamer on night of 10th August. Finder will be suitably Rewarded.

H. SIMMONS,  
Naval Store Officer.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1899. [2090]

**NOTICE.**

**A** Qualified EUROPEAN DOCTOR is open to accept a POSITION on a Steamer proceeding to Europe or America. Can take position at once. Good recommendations.

Address: MEDICUS,  
Care of this Office,  
Hongkong, 21st August, 1899. [2107]

**WANTED.**

**A** MANAGER for the INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS, must be well acquainted with Bookkeeping.

Apply by letter stating terms expected, to the Honorary Secretary at the Institution No. 2, Praya Central.

A. RITCHIE,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1899. [2097]

**FOR SALE.**

**MAP OF THE STRAITS OF WEST RIVER.**

From Hongkong to Wuchow, showing the Ports and Calling Places. Opened to Foreign Trade, 1897. Published at Daily Press Office. Price 25 Cents. Cash.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1897. [2083]

**COTTAM & CO.**

**FOR ENGLISH AND AMERICAN TRAVELLING TRUNKS, THIN SUMMER SHOES AND UNDERWEAR.**

**INSURANCES**

**THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.**

A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE of over seventy years standing, and one of the oldest and wealthiest institutions in the World. Funds exceed Eight Millions. Revenue over one Million. For all Particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th August, 1899. [2101]

**NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND.**

ESTABLISHED 1822.

CAPITAL £1,000,000  
FUNDS (over) 500,000

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

RADEBECK & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 19th September, 1898. [2108]

**PUBLIC COMPANIES**

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**THE** DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st June last, at the Rate of ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS Six per SHARE of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 21st August Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1899. [2106]

**NOTICE** is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of August, 1899, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the following Resolution will be proposed:

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased in the sum of \$600,000 by the issue of 300,000 New Shares of \$10 each, which shall be considered part of the Original Capital and be subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association contained with reference to calls transfer transmission lien surrender voting power and otherwise and that the Directors be authorised to issue such New Shares as may be required.

2.—That the said New Shares be offered to the persons who on the 10th day of September, 1899, shall be the registered Members of the existing Shares in the proportion of a New Share for each existing Share held by them.

By Order of the Board,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Hongkong, 10th August, 1899. [2049]

**OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES LIMITED.**

**IN** Accordance with Article No. VIII of the Company's Memorandum of Association, the following INTEREST at the rate of \$10 per Cent. per Annum is being charged on all UNPAID CALLS.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 6th August, 1899. [2057]

**THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**IN** Accordance with Articles No. 26 and 27 of the Articles of Association of the Company, NOTICE is hereby given that the following SHAREHOLDERS are requested to pay the Call due on the 17th day of APRIL last, together with INTEREST at 10 per Cent. per Annum, at the Office of the Company, No. 4, Praya Central, on or before the 1st day of September, 1899.

The following are the distinguishing Numbers of the Ordinary Shares—

57477/57501	58301/58340
11361/11380	58341/58380
59169/59190	58381/58420
16245/16269	59191/59230
16141/16165	59231/59270
28563/28573	59271/59310
28574/28584	59311/59350
28585/28595	59351/59390
28596/28606	59391/59430
28607/28617	59431/59470
28618/28628	59471/59510
28629/28639	59511/59550
28640/28650	59551/59590
28651/28661	59591/59630
28662/28672	59631/59670
28673/28683	59671/59710
28684/28694	59711/59750
28695/28705	59751/59790
28706/28716	59791/59830
28717/28727	59831/59870
28728/28738	59871/59910
28739/28749	59911/59950
28750/28760	59951/59990
28761/28771	60001/60040
28772/28782	60041/60080
28783/28793	60081/60120
28794/28804	60121/60160
28805/28815	60161/60200
28816/28826	60201/60240
28827/28837	60241/60280
28838/28848	60281/60320
28849/28859	60321/60360
28860/28870	60361/60400
28871/28881	60401/60440
28882/28892	60441/60480
28893/28903	60481/60520
28904/28914	60521/60560
28915/28925	60561/60600
28926/28936	60601/60640
28937/28947	60641/60680
28948/28958	60681/60720
28959/28969	60721/60760
28970/28980	60761/60800
28981/28991	60801/60840
28992/29002	60841/60880
29003/29013	60881/60920
29014/29024	60921/60960
29025/29035	60961/61000
29036/29046	61001/61040
29047/29057	61041/61080
29058/29068	61081/61120
29069/29079	61121/61160
29080/29090	61161/61200
29091/29101	61201/61240
29102/29112	61241/61280
29113/29123	61281/61320
29124/29134	61321/61360
29135/29145	61361/61400
29146/29156	61401/61440
29157/29167	61441/61480
29168/29178	61481/61520
29179/29189	61521/61560
29190/29200	61561/61600
29201/29211	61601/61640
29212/29222	61641/61680
29223/29233	61681/61720
29234/29244	61721/61760
29245/29255	61761/61800
29256/29266	61801/61840
29267/29277	61841/61880
29278/29288	61881/61920
29289/29299	61921/61960
29300/29310	61961/62000
29311/29321	62001/62040
29322/29332	62041/62080
29333/29343	62081/62120
29344/29354	62121/62160
29355/29365	62161/62200
29366/29376	62201/62240
29377/29387	62241/62280
29388/29398	62281/62320
29399/29409	62321/62360
29410/29420	62361/62400
29421/29431	62401/62440
29432/29442	62441/62480
29443/29453	62481/62520
29454/29464	62521/62560
29465/29475	62561/62600
29476/29486	62601/62640
29487/29497	62641/62680
29498/29508	62681/62720
29509/29519	62721/62760
29520/29530	62761/62800
29531/29541	62801/62840
29542/29552	62841/62880
29553/29563	62881/62920
29564/29574	62921/62960
29575/29585	62961/63000
29586/29596	63001/63040
29597/29607	63041/63080
29608/29618	63081/63120
29619/29629	63121/63160
29630/29640	63161/63200
29641/29651	63201/63240
29652/29662	63241/63280
29663/29673	63281/63320
29674/29684	63321/63360
29685/29695	63361/63400
29696/29706	63401/63440
29707/29717	63441/63480
29718/29728	63481/63520
29729/29739	63521/63560
29740/29750	63561/63600
29751/29761	63601/63640
29762/29772	63641/63680
29773/29783	63681/63720
29784/29794	63721/63760
29795/29805	63761/63800
29806/29816	63801/63840
29817/29827	63841/63880
29828/29838	63881/63920
29839/29849	63921/63960
29850/29860	63961/64000
29861/29871	64001/64040
29872/29882	64041/64080
29883/29893	64081/64120
29894/29904	64121/64160
29905/29915	64161/64200
29916/29926	64201/64240
29927/29937	64241/64280
29938/29948	64281/64320
29949/29959	64321/64360
29960/29970	64361/64400
29971/29981	64401/64440
29982/29992	64441/64480
29993/30003	64481/64520
30004/30014	64521/64560
30015/30025	64561/64600
30026/30036	64601/64640
30037/30047	64641/64680
30048/30058	64681/64720
30059/30069	64721/64760
30070/30080	64761/64800
30081/30091	64801/64840
30092/30102	64841/64880
30103/30113	64881/64920
30114/30124	64921/64960
30125/30135	64961/65000
30136/30146	65001/65040
30147/30157	65041/65080
30158/30168	65081/65120
30169/30179	65121/65160
30180/30190	65161/65200
30191/30201	65201/65240
30202/30212	65241/65280
30213/30223	65281/65320
30224/30234	65321/65360
30235/30245	65361/65400
30246/30256	65401/65440
30257/30267	65441/65480
30268/30278	65481/65520
30279/30289	65521/65560
30290/30300	65561/65600
30301/30311	65601/65640
30312/30322	65641/65680
30323/30333	65681/65720
30334/30344	65721/65760
30345/30355	65761/65800
30356/30366	65801/65840
30367/30377	65841/65880
30378/30388	65881/65920
30389/30399	65921/65960
30400/30410	65961/66000
30411/30421	66001/66040
30422/30432	66041/66080
30433/30443	66081/66120
30444/30454	66121/66160
30455/30465	66161/66200
30466/30476	66201/66240
30477/30487	66241/66280
30488/30498	66281/66320
30499/30509	66321/66360
30510/30520	66361/66400
30521/30531	66401/66440
30532/30542	66441/66480
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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, August 22nd, 1939.

The Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at its last monthly meeting passed a series of resolutions on the subject of cable rates, to the effect that the present rate of 4s. per word is excessive and admits of substantial reduction, that a reduction of the tariff would be followed by an increase in the traffic, that a Government guarantee might be given if there is any hesitation on this point, that the principle of cheap telegrams should follow the concession of a penny post, it is certain to prove a powerful factor in promoting trade with the mother country, and that, so soon as the time seems ripe, all British lines should be constructed between the United Kingdom and its great colonies and dependencies either by laying a cable the whole distance touching only at British ports or by completion of the existing land lines. At the half-yearly meeting of the Eastern Telegraph Co., Limited, held on 20th July, the Chairman, the Marquis of Tweeddale, made some remarks which have a direct bearing on the above resolutions, the burden of his speech being a defence of the Cable Companies and their charges. Before proceeding to discuss those remarks an acknowledgment may readily be made of the immense services the Eastern Telegraph Co. and its offshoot, the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co. have rendered to commerce and to British Imperial interests. A great system has been built up by private enterprise, and according to the Marquis of Tweeddale the average dividend on the Eastern Telegraph's ordinary capital during the twenty-seven years of its existence has been exactly six per cent, and only for the last two years has been seven per cent. That is certainly not an extravagant return, judged by comparison with the returns made by many of our local joint-stock concerns. While cheerfully acknowledging the past services of the Cable Companies, however, it must be admitted that at the present time the interests of the Empire require cheaper rates for commercial reasons and an all British cable connecting with Australia for political reasons. As the Times remarks in an article on the Eastern Telegraph Company's meeting, the more Lord Tweeddale proves that the company cannot or ought not to reduce its charges the more he establishes the case for setting up some alternative agency less hampered by those crushing disabilities.

There is one passage in Lord Tweeddale's speech which will cause surprise to residents in the Far East who have followed the history of the telegraphic charges question. He said:—"They had been approached with the great inequalities of tariffs. How were their tariffs fixed? Why did these inequalities exist? The answer was simple. It was because the telegraphic tariffs to Egypt, India, and the Far East were practically controlled by the European Governments through whose lines Sir HENRIER HAZON suggested that competition should come. The rate to India was controlled by the tariffs of Germany, Russia, and Turkey; to China, Russia and China; to Japan, Japan; to the Philippines, Japan; and to the Americas, the United States."

"Egypt by Turkey. If any reduction was to be made in the present tariff it was 'not the consent of the Cable Companies' that was in the first instance required, but 'of the Governments mentioned.' We do not know so much about the European Governments mentioned, but the question at once suggests itself, who was it that induced the Chinese Government to enter into the agreement to keep up rates? Why, the Cable Companies themselves. For those Companies now to turn round and say they cannot reduce rates on account of the obstruction of the Chinese Government cannot be characterised as anything less than disingenuous. And it is impossible to avoid a suspicion that other Governments, like the Chinese Government, may have been influenced by the Cable Companies to keep up rates instead of being persuaded to lower them.

In connection with the influence of Foreign Governments there is another point in Lord Tweeddale's speech that we should like to have some further explanation upon. He tells us in one part of his speech that the greatest obstacle to a reduction of the present tariffs is the necessity for obtaining the consent of those Governments through the medium of whose lines Sir HENRIER HAZON proposes to reduce the Australian tariff to 1s. per word, and in another part, referring to the demand for all-British cable, he says:—"As a matter of fact, the Eastern Company had cables from Great Britain to Gibraltar, Gibraltar to Malta, Malta to Egypt, and Egypt to Aden and Bombay, the whole of which landing points were either British territory or were under the control of the British Government." Originally the policy of the Companies was on broad international lines, but during the past few years this policy had been somewhat modified to meet the demand for special cables for British traffic; and recently they had laid down new cables from England to Alexandria, touching only at Gibraltar and Malta, at a cost of £442,000, in order that no British traffic should transit foreign territory, leaving their cables from Malta to Egypt, and from Egypt to Aden and Bombay, to carry the French and other 'foreign traffic.' From a political point of view this is highly satisfactory, as it gives through communication with India and the Far East by British lines touching only on British territory. But having these special cables for British traffic, and being thus in an independent position, how can the Companies claim that they are prevented from lowering their rates by Foreign Governments? There is the International Telegraph Convention, it is true, but if the Cable Companies were willing to accept lower rates the other signatories to the Convention would not be likely to raise any objection. Moreover, the Convention is subject to periodical revision.

The action of the Japanese Government in imposing a discriminating duty on Formosa telegrams of 1.50 per picaul if shipped direct to foreign countries whilst allowing the telegrams to be shipped from Formosa to Japan free and thence exported abroad free of duty, is in direct conflict with the spirit of the treaty between Great Britain and Japan, if not the actual letter, and we should think it only be necessary to draw official attention to the subject in order to have the grievance removed. Representations have been addressed to Sir E. SATOW, H.B.M. Minister to Japan, by the Amoy and Hongkong Chambers of Commerce, and we look for an early intimation that the objectionable duty has been abolished. The treaty provides for reciprocal freedom of commerce and navigation and that "the same export duties shall be paid and the same bounties and drawbacks allowed in the dominions," and possessions of either of the high contracting parties on the exportation of "any article which is or may be legally exported therefrom, whether such exportation shall take place in Japanese or in British vessels, and whatever be the place of destination, whether a port of either of the high contracting parties or of any 'third Power.' Now the object of the new duty is to compel Formosa telegrams to be shipped via Japan instead of via Amoy, which has hitherto been the port of transshipment for the Formosa telegrams; and the compulsory shipment of Formosa telegrams via Japan for Europe or the Atlantic ports of the United States would involve additional freight charges and to some extent divert the trade from the merchants and ships at present interested therein. If the Japanese Government should take refuge in the quibble that the new conditions are not discriminatory because they apply equally to Japanese and to Foreign ships and subjects it would be a serious blow to the belief at present entertained that Japan intends honestly and loyally to fulfil her treaty engagements in spirit as well as in letter.

This appeal which Mr. Ho Tung has published on behalf of the Tung Wa Hospital extension scheme merits a liberal response on the part of the public. Within the last few years a great improvement has been effected in the Tung Wa Hospital, and patients who so desire can now obtain in that institution the benefits of Western medical science, while all alike, whether they elect to be treated by Native or Western methods, enjoy the benefits of improved sanitation and proper hospital arrangements. It is now proposed to erect a new building as an extension, in which a special ward is to be set apart for midwifery, which, as Mr. Ho Tung says, "is urgently needed, 'considering the high mortality amongst infants and mothers.' The amount of preventable suffering and the high mortality that exist in connection with childbearing amongst the Chinese are enormous, and any movement calculated to ameliorate the distressing state of affairs that at present exists cannot fail to appeal to the humane instincts of all who can be induced to give a thought to the subject. We take it for granted that in the proposed extension ward of the Tung Wa Hospital, without exception will have the benefit of scientific attention, for if native methods were to prevail it would naturally make a material difference in the light in which the foreign community would view the undertaking.

There were 1,094 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, 151 of whom were Europeans.

The Meaco papers report the outbreak of another rebellion in Timor. Lieutenant Datto was killed in an engagement with the rebels.

There were 2 cases of plague on Saturday and 2 deaths, and the same number, both of cases and deaths, yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. G. J. W. King offered for sale by auction Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 997 and 998, but was not able to secure any bid.

Mr. Rousseau-Wildman U.S. Consul-General, supplies as with the following typographical warning:—"Manila Observatory, 3 p.m. 21st August. The typhoon season is now in progress between 18th and 21st parallel moving probably to N.W."

On Sunday night Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and Detective Section No. 34, Hollywood Road, arrested 17 men engaged in gambling. They were brought up to the Magistrate yesterday morning. The two loaves were fined \$25, and the rest of each. This is the same group of gamblers who took place January last, on which occasion a man lost his life by falling from a height while attempting to escape.

Reports of irregularities in the Colonial Secretariat at Macao having come to the knowledge of the Governor of that colony His Excellency has appointed a Commission to enquire into the truth of the same. The alleged irregularities are connected with the issue of certificates to Chinese proceeding to America. The *Rebo Macanese* in commenting upon the subject considers it unfortunate for the success of the Commission that it is presided over by the Colonial Secretary, Senhor Bandeira de Lima, should have left for Portugal, as that official would have been the best qualified to assist the Commission with information as to the procedure of his department.

Referring to Miss Waldorf, who appeared at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening, the *Chinese Press* of 19th July 1939, says: "A young actress of Shanghai, whose characters to whom we have had occasion to refer as a most promising aspirant for high dramatic honours, has set out upon one of the most extensive tours in the Far East. Miss Waldorf's repertory will comprise Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night,' 'Much Ado About Nothing,' and 'The Taming of the Shrew,' and the 'Lady of Lyons.' The *Chinese Press* adds: 'Prediction and the Future.' 'Magda,' and 'Camille.' While there are no limitations, more or less marked to the artistic possibilities of Miss Waldorf's enterprise in the Orient, her tour is worthy of note as probably the first of the kind in which the actress has entered the new American possessions. 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COMMERCE.	
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
Monday, 21st August.	
EXCHANGE.	
N LONDON.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/114
Bank Bills, on demand	1/114
Bank Bills, 60 days' sight	1/114
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/114
Credit, at 6 months' sight	2/04
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/04
N PARIS.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2/40
Credit, at 6 months' sight	2/63
N GERMANY.	
On demand	2/02 1/2
N NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	48 3/4
Credit, 60 days' sight	49 1/4
N ROMANY.	
Telegraphic Transfer	147 1/2
Bank, on demand	148
N CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	147 1/2

SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight .....	72½
Private, 30 days' sight .....	73½
YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand .....	4 % pm.
MANILA.—	
On demand .....	2 % pm.
SINGAPORE.—	
On demand .....	1 % pm.
CONVERSIONS, Bank's Buying Rate, 1006	
OLD LEAF, 1000 Rupee per ton .....	52.40

JOINT STOCK SHARES.			
COMPAN Y.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.	
Banking		\$77 1/2, ex div.	
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	360 " do.	
China & Japan, pref.	24	terminal	
Do. ordinary	24	terminal	
Do. deferred	21	65.58, do.	
Nat'l. Bank of China			
B. Shantung	23	355, buyers	
Do. Fongshan	23	355, buyers	
H's. Ansheng E. A. Co.	21	terminal	
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	82, buyers	
Ind. Pro. F. L. & M.	\$10	85, buyers	
Ind. Sugar	\$100	257, re. c.	
Ind. Mills			
Indo.	Dec. 199	71.67, sellers	
International	Dec. 199	71.75	
Indo. Kang-Ang	Dec. 199	71.75	
Soyabean	Dec. 199	71.350	
Yachong	Dec. 199	85.872	

Hongkong & Shanghai S.S. Co.	\$180	\$75, sellers
Yam Sui Co.	\$180	\$75, buyers
Swing & Co., Gen.	\$25	\$10, sellers
Green Island Cement.	\$10	\$25, buyers
China & China Paper	\$30	\$25, buyers
Swing & Co., China.	\$30	\$25, buyers
H. H. L. Transvans	\$10	\$144, sellers
Swing & Co.	\$100	\$144, buyers
China & China Paper	\$30	\$13, buyers
Swing & Co.	\$100	\$100, buyers.
C. R. Wharf & G.	\$30	\$91
Swing & Co.	\$30	\$180, buyers
Swing & W. Dock	\$125	\$25 p. c. prem.
Canton	\$10	\$180
China Fire	\$50	\$340, sales
China Trade	\$30	\$130
Hongkong Fire	\$30	\$131, sales
North China	\$25	\$135
Strait	\$30	\$91, buyers
Yam Sui	\$30	\$91, buyers
Swing & Co.	\$10	\$117, buyers
Land and Buildings	\$10	\$104, sales
H. L. Hind Investment	\$10	\$104, sales
Yam Sui	\$30	\$104, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$104, sales
West Point Building	\$30	\$104, sellers

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Do.	\$3	\$8, sellers
nited Asbestos.....	\$3	\$24, buyers
Do. Foundries.....	\$17	\$6, peninal
Finnish Warehse.....	\$74	\$15, buyers
ation & Co., A. S. ....	\$10	\$17, sellers
J. Y. V. VERNON, Broker.		

  

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China New.....	\$740	\$750 p. pl. net. to 1 ca
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China Old.....	\$820	" \$863
Singapore Old.....	to —	" " "
Per... ..	\$475	" " "
China Old.....	\$90	" per chert.
China Old.....	\$90	" " "
Singapore New.....	\$349	" " "
Singapore Old.....	"	" " "

  

## THE WEATHER.

**CHINA CLIMATE AND GEOLOGICAL**

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LOW WATER.		HIGH WATER.	
Day.	Hour.	Height.	Height.
Jan 12	10 15	6.1	6.1
13	10 10	6.2	6.2
14	10 05	6.3	6.3
15	10 00	6.4	6.4
16	9 55	6.5	6.5
17	9 50	6.6	6.6
18	9 45	6.7	6.7
19	9 40	6.8	6.8
20	9 35	6.9	6.9
21	9 30	7.0	7.0
22	9 25	7.1	7.1
23	9 20	7.2	7.2
24	9 15	7.3	7.3
25	9 10	7.4	7.4
26	9 05	7.5	7.5
27	9 00	7.6	7.6
28	8 55	7.7	7.7
29	8 50	7.8	7.8
30	8 45	7.9	7.9
31	8 40	8.0	8.0



